

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

IN RE: Adoption of _____ : No.

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(Adoptee's name exactly as it appears on birth certificate)

PETITION FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
23 Pa.C.S. §2512

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

The following is respectfully represented:

1. List name(s) and address of petitioner(s), if no intermediary:
(See 23 Pa.C.S. §2512)

a. Name:

Address:

b. Name:

Address:

2. Age of petitioner(s):

a.

b.

3. If petitioner(s) is an approved Agency or Institution, list complete name and address:

a. Name:

b. Address:

4. Relationship of petitioner(s) to adoptee:

5. If required, petitioner(s) has filed a Report of Intention to Adopt.
(23 Pa.C.S. §§2531 & 2532)

Date of filing:

6. Petitioner will assume custody of the adoptee until such time as the child is adopted.
(23 Pa.C.S. §2512(b))

7. ADOPTEE INFORMATION

- a. Name exactly as it appears on birth certificate:
- b. Date of birth:
- c. Place of birth:
- d. Age: Sex:
- e. Racial background:
- f. Religious affiliation, if any:
- g. Present residence of the adoptee:
- h. Name of individual/agency/institution who has custody of the adoptee and date placed in care:
- i. Was the adoptee born out of wedlock? Yes / No (circle one)

8. NATURAL MOTHER INFORMATION

- a. Name:
- b. Maiden name, if applicable:
- c. Present address:

d. If unknown, list last known address:

e. Date of birth: Age:

f. Racial background:

g. Religious affiliation, if any:

h. Present marital status:

If married, list the name of the spouse:

Date and place of marriage:

i. If the natural mother was married at the time of the adoptee's birth, list the name of the spouse: (Pa. Orphans' Court Rule 15.4(4))

If this marriage ended, state nature of dissolution and date:

j. If the natural mother was married one year prior to the adoptee's birth, list the name of the spouse: (Pa. Orphans' Court Rule 15.4(4))

If this marriage ended, state nature of dissolution and date:

9. Is the petition requesting the termination of parental rights of the natural mother?

Yes / No (circle one)

10. NATURAL FATHER INFORMATION

a. Name:

b. Present address:

c. If unknown, list last known address:

d. Date of birth: Age:

e. Racial background:

f. Religious affiliation, if any:

g. Present marital status:

If married, list the name of the spouse:

Date and place of marriage:

11. Is the petition requesting the termination of parental rights of the natural father?

Yes / No (circle one)

12. PUTATIVE FATHER INFORMATION

(Complete section if applicable.)

a. Name:

b. Present address:

c. If unknown, list last known address:

d. Date of birth: Age:

e. Racial background:

f. Religious affiliation, if any:

g. Present marital status:

If married, list the name of the spouse:

h. If the putative father married the natural mother, state date of marriage and dissolution, if applicable:

i. Explain creation of the status of the putative father:

13. Set forth the ground(s) for involuntary termination of parental rights, including the specific subsection(s) of 23 Pa.C.S. § 2511(a)(1), which establish(es) the legal basis for the requested termination(s): (23 Pa.C.S. § 2512(b))

14. The original birth certificate or certification of registration of birth of the adoptee is attached.
(Pa. Orphans' Court Rule 15.4(b)(1))

15. List the name(s) of those person(s) whose parental rights may be terminated by these proceedings, who is / are a member of the United States Armed Services and thereby entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, 50 U.S.C.A. §501 *et seq.*:
(Pa. Orphans' Court Rule 15.4(a)(7))

16. As soon as the petitioner(s) or attorney(s) has/have reason to believe these proceedings will be contested, the court must be notified IMMEDIATELY to avoid delay.

17. If the child was born in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, official certificates have been requested from the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare identifying any paternity acknowledgments or paternity claims on file with the Department in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. §5103 (b). (York County Orphans' Court Rule 15.4.1)

WHEREFORE, the petitioner(s) pray the Court for termination of the rights of parental rights as requested herein to said child, and for a decree of termination of all such rights as provided in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2521, so that such child may be adopted to such parents and without further consent of, or notice to, those individuals whose parental rights are terminated.

Attorney for Petitioner(s)

Individual Petitioner

Individual Petitioner

Parent and or Guardian, if Petitioner is under the age of eighteen (18) years, unless excused by this Court.

Agency

By _____
Authorized Signature

VERIFICATION

This _____ day of _____, _____, the foregoing Petitioner(s) hereby verify, subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities), that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition which are within their knowledge are true, and as to the facts based on information received, after diligent inquiry, petitioner(s) believe them to be true.

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